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§4–201.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Antique firearm” means:
 - (1) a firearm, including a firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap, or similar ignition system, manufactured before 1899; or
 - (2) a replica of a firearm described in item (1) of this subsection that:
 - (i) is not designed or redesigned to use rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition; or
 - (ii) uses rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition that is no longer manufactured in the United States and is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade.
- (c) (1) “Handgun” means a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed on the person.
- (2) “Handgun” includes a short-barreled shotgun and a short-barreled rifle.
- (3) “Handgun” does not include a shotgun, rifle, or antique firearm.
- (d) “Law enforcement official” means:
 - (1) a full-time member of a police force or other unit of the United States, a state, a county, a municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of a state who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the laws of the United States, a state, a county, a municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of a state;
 - (2) a part-time member of a police force of a county or municipal corporation who is certified by the county or municipal corporation as being trained and qualified in the use of handguns;
 - (3) a fire and explosive investigator of the Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department as defined in § 2–208.3 of the Criminal Procedure Article;

(4) a Montgomery County fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.1 of the Criminal Procedure Article;

(5) an Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.2 of the Criminal Procedure Article;

(6) a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.4 of the Criminal Procedure Article;

(7) a City of Hagerstown fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.5 of the Criminal Procedure Article; or

(8) a Howard County fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.6 of the Criminal Procedure Article.

(e) “Rifle” means a weapon that is:

(1) designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder; and

(2) designed or redesigned, and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed metallic cartridge to fire only a single projectile through a rifled bore for each single pull of the trigger.

(f) “Short-barreled rifle” means:

(1) a rifle that has one or more barrels less than 16 inches long; or

(2) a weapon that has an overall length of less than 26 inches and that was made from a rifle, whether by alteration, modification, or otherwise.

(g) “Short-barreled shotgun” means:

(1) a shotgun that has one or more barrels less than 18 inches long;
or

(2) a weapon that has an overall length of less than 26 inches long and was made from a shotgun, whether by alteration, modification, or otherwise.

(h) “Shotgun” means a weapon that is:

(1) designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder; and

(2) designed or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore one or more projectiles for each pull of the trigger.

(i) “Vehicle” means a motor vehicle as defined in Title 11, Subtitle 1 of the Transportation Article, a train, an aircraft, or a vessel.

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